State of North Carolina

MICHAEL F. EASLEY
GOVERNOR

MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS AWARENESS WEEK

2007

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, MS is a chronic and disabling disease of the central nervous system in which the progression, severity and specific symptoms cannot be foreseen; and

WHEREAS, every hour of every day someone new is diagnosed with MS, a disease that can erode a person's abilities and hopes, halt a career and unravel the fabric of families; and

WHEREAS, the North Carolina Chapters of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society reports that in our state more than 10,000 people are affected by this devastating disease, and multiple sclerosis generally strikes young adults aged 20 through 40, attacking them in the prime of their lives; and

WHEREAS, the North Carolina Chapters of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society have been committed throughout the years to heightening public knowledge and insight about this devastating and disabling disease, and raising more than $8 million to find the cure for MS and develop effective treatments for the disease, as well as provide a wide range of client programs; and

WHEREAS, research advances have brought us closer to finding the cure, much remains to be done, and services must continue to be provided to those who live with the disease; and

WHEREAS, finding the cause and developing a method of prevention for multiple sclerosis is an important task that all Americans and North Carolinians should support;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MICHAEL F. EASLEY, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim March 5-11, 2007, as "**MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS AWARENESS WEEK**" in North Carolina and commend this observance to all our citizens.

MICHAEL F. EASLEY

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of North Carolina at the Capitol in Raleigh this eighth day of January in the year of our Lord two thousand and seven, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and thirty-first.